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Federal Communication Commission
Attn: Amateur Manager
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Re: SELECTION PROCESS FOR AMATEUR VANITY CALLS

Dear Sir or Madam:

I recently applied for an amateur radio vanity call for which I submitted one application. There was only one other person who filed applications on the same date. I am stating "applications" because the other individual submitted twenty online applications. I know that this is not uncommon, but I highly question its fairness.

We both applied on the same date, but my application was received by the FCC earlier in the day than this other individual. If the date of submission can be a factor in determining who is the winner of a vanity call, then why not the time of day as well?

The purpose of my letter to the FCC is to express my view that the "random" drawing of the submitted applications can be a highly unfair process.

The first and foremost issue is economic. One individual may not have the financial resources, or a credit card, to initially file multiple applications for a particular call. This can put the competing individual, especially if he or she doesn't have the available finances for multiple applications, at a great disadvantage. I realize that individuals can apply for refunds if they do not win the drawing, but this is a question of an individual having, or not having, the financial resources in order to file multiple applications.

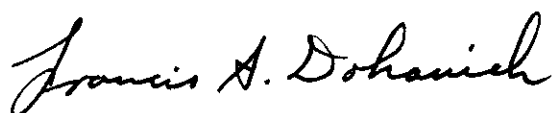
I do not believe that an individual with one submitted application competing with another that has twenty submitted applications is a level playing field. In my case, as I currently understand the system, my chance of winning this particular vanity call was one in twenty-one (or approximately 4.8%). Needless to say, the other individual with the twenty submissions won the draw; in fact, this is the second time that this has happened to me. I don't think that this is equitable.

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I believe that the fair approach would have been to take my application, and also that of the other individual, and draw the winner from these two entries; if there had been five individuals, then five entries (one entry per individual. This makes for a level playing field, with each individual having an equal chance of winning.

In light of what I have just described, I really don't understand how the current selection process can be just. I believe that the current system of selection should be replaced with a more equitable one.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Francis A. Dohanich". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Francis A. Dohanich

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